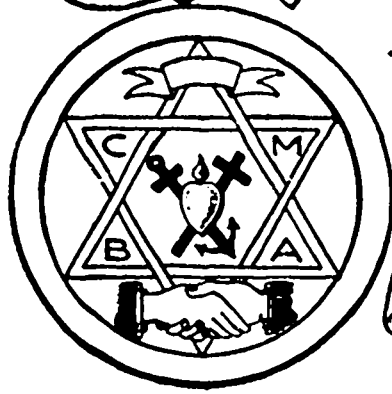


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## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

### NOTES.

Grand Deputy Brother W. J. Power, of Halifax, N. S., intends giving a valuable gavel as a prize to the branch in Nova Scotia including Cape Breton, that initiates the greatest number of members in 1897, the report of initiations in THE CANADIAN to be the authority in deciding said number. We trust other Grand Deputies will follow the good example set by Brother Power.

At the meeting for the installation of the officers of Branch 15, Toronto, Ont., for 1897, Brother Rooney, Grand Trustee, delivered a very spirited address. One of the members in writing to us says: "Chancellor Rooney's remarks to those absenting themselves from the branch meetings, imposing the work of the many on the shoulders of the few, will be long remembered by all present. He explained in a very lucid manner the duties of the officers and the other members, and how they should act to fulfil the obligations they took, and pointed out the necessity of all working to increase the membership of the Association and to keep the C. M. B. A. the leading fraternal insurance organization doing business under the auspices and with the full approval of the Church."

The Deputies of Montreal District have been busily engaged since the first of January visiting branches and installing officers, and efforts to instil new life in some of them have been made, and good results from these visits are expected. We have every reason to think that we may expect to see a large increase in the membership from this quarter. Branch 26 started out with seventeen applications at its last meeting, and a few more are under way for their next meeting. Those seventeen applications were the result of an open meeting held on January 11. On February 8 Grand President Hackett will visit Branch 26, when another open meeting will be held, to be followed by another on February 10 by Branch 142. Branches 50, 74, 54 and 57 are also arranging for similar meetings, the main object being to increase the membership.

The Grand President's circular regarding the payment of the sum of \$1 out of the General Fund of the

Grand Council for each new member takes effect with those applications received from and after January 1, 1897. At the end of each quarter the branch must send a statement to the Grand Secretary giving the names of the members initiated during the quarter and the names of the brother or brothers entitled to the \$1 per each initiation. After receiving said statement, the Grand Council will remit the amount to the Financial Secretary of the branch to be paid to the members entitled thereto. The statement must be signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and sealed with the branch seal to avoid dispute. Branches may or may not supplement the \$1 by one half of the initiation fee; it is optional, but a recommendation from the Grand Council Board of Trustees.

### LETTERS OF THANKS.

Mr W. Schuler, City.  
Dear Sir—Kindly forward this letter to the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.  
And oblige,  
Mrs R. PHILLIPS.  
Brantford, Jan. 14, 1897.  
To the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada.

Dear Sirs—I have received from Mr. W. Schuler, Secretary of the C. M. B. A. Branch No. 5 Brantford, a check for \$2,000 in full dues under policy issued to my late husband Michael Phillips, and I wish to express my thorough appreciation of the courteous and generous treatment I have received in the settlement of this claim. I have been put to no unnecessary trouble or expense in completing proofs. I thank you heartily and shall always have a good word for the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. Wishing your Council every success in the future.  
Yours very truly,  
Mrs. ROSE PHILLIPS,  
Mt. Pleasant Road, Brantford, Ont.

Montreal, Jan. 19, 1897.  
Samuel R. Brown, Grand Secretary,  
London, Ont.  
Dear Sir and Brother—Draft for \$2000.00 for claim under life policy from our association to Bro. Ed. Kennedy was duly received and paid over to his widow, Margaret O'Connor Ken-

nedy, as the accompanying receipts will show.

Mrs Kennedy desires me to make acknowledgement for her, and at the same time to thank you and our beautiful association, on behalf of herself and her little children, for the promptness and courtesy exhibited in the payment of this claim.

Yours fraternally,  
W. J. McCaffrey,  
Rec Sec Br 232.

### NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 277 was organized on Jan. 21st at Brandon, Man., by Grand Deputy Rev. A. A. Cherner. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. W. L. Jubinville, P. P.  
President, J. C. McDonald.  
1st Vice-President, Fred. W. Senkbiel.  
2nd Vice-President, Charles Murphy.  
Recording Secretary, Rev. W. L. Jubinville.  
Assistant Recording Secretary, Gustave Gervais.  
Financial Secretary, Philip Farrell.  
Treasurer, Omer Desjolis.  
Marshal, Chas. L. Wright.  
Guard, Neil McKinnon.  
Trustees, W. L. B. Morrison, Geo. H. Sterling, Wolfgang Koller, Philip Farrell and John Greer.

### Installation in Branch 226.

The installation of the officers of Branch 226, Cote St. Paul, Que., was carried out in a most imposing manner. A large number of members of the Association from the city of Montreal attended. President A. T. Martin presided and amongst those present were Grand Deputies J. J. Costigan, Joseph Girard, A. H. Spedding, T. P. Tansey, President Leclair, Branch 210, Chancellor J. H. Feeley, Branch 26; Vice President M. Egan, Branch 26; Brothers Jas. Milloy, Thos. R. Stevens and others. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Grand Deputy Costigan.

After the installation an open meeting was held, and was taken advantage of by a large number of the friends of the Branch.

### Open Meeting of Branch 145.

The officers and members of Branch 145, Toronto, have arranged for an open meeting to be held in the hall of St. Michael's College, St. Joseph street, on the evening of Monday the first of March next. A short programme of music will be followed by a lecture in "Formative Influences in Canadian

History by the Honorable G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario. Dr. Ross's well known eloquence and the interesting character of the subject, promise a rare treat to those fortunate enough to be able to attend. His Grace Archbishop Walsh will take the chair.

Invitations have been sent to the several Recording Secretaries of city branches, for their members, and every Brother in the city, as well as any Brothers who may be visiting Toronto, are hereby cordially invited to attend.

### Presentation.

A most pleasing presentation took place at a late regular meeting of Branch 28, Ottawa, Ont., when its popular and worthy Bro. Phil. Moylan was presented with a gold pin as having been instrumental in initiating no less than fourteen members in the short space of six weeks. The competition for the next prize promises to be keenly pursued, and it may safely be predicted that ever long Branch 28 will be the banner branch of the Association. Branch 28 is made up of a live membership, and all vie with each other in who can do the most good for the Association, notwithstanding the great competition which exists in a city like Ottawa.

### Delays are Dangerous

The man who knows of a thing that should be done, something of the greatest importance to his family and an obvious duty on his part to perform, and neglects to do it, is certainly not deserving of the affection of those nearest to him by ties of relationship, nor of respect from the outside world. If he had invested the savings of many years in a house and the furnishings of a comfortable home, and was indifferent to the protection of a fire insurance policy, how would he be regarded by his friends and well wishers? But the house might stand for a century and not take fire. His life—well, each day brings him nearer to where Death stands awaiting him, and to escape is impossible. Any one of the myriad forms of disease may assail him, without warning or preliminary, and further—as noted in our quotation—even the most careful man cannot be safe from death by accident. Now is the time to insure your life.—Common Sense.